



**Knights of Columbus
Council #1221
Business Meeting Minutes
December 10th, 2020**



Call to Order

Thursday December 10th, 2020 at 7:04 P.M.

Warden’s Report on Membership Card

Bro. Dan Gulley: All present are current members.

Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer for was prayed by all.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

Roll Call of Officers

Grand Knight	Mike Carter	Present
Chaplain	Fr Jeremy Gries	Present
Deputy Grand Knight	Ron Webber	Present
Chancellor	Matt Payne	Absent
Financial Secretary	Matt Lincoln	Absent
Recorder	Dustin Jones	Present
Treasurer	John Kaiser	Present
Advocate	Greg Reger	Absent
Warden	Dan Gulley	Present
Inside Guard	Eric Hunter	Absent
Outside Guard	Steve Dewitt	Absent
First Year Trustee	Sean Missi	Absent
Second Year Trustee	Steve Byerley	Present
Third Year Trustee	Charlie Archer	Present
Lecturer	Mike Albers	Present

Opening Olde

- The Opening Olde was omitted.

Chaplain’s Message

Tonight if the first night of Hanukkah, the festival of lights, celebrated by our Jewish brothers. That’s rooted in the book of Maccabees. If you’ve not read the book of Maccabees, I’ll say that it’s not particularly Advent reading, but its good reading for any time. The book of Maccabees is a great book on remaining faithful in the midst of opposition, and I think there is a great lesson of that for us in our own day. We’re not openly persecuted (at least not yet), but I think it’s good for us to be prepared for those options. In this particular passage on the

Festival of Lights in Chapter 4 of 1st Maccabees, once Judas Maccabees and the faithful Jews reclaim the temple and Jerusalem from the Greeks, they have to purify the temple. As the Talmud says (which isn't actually in the scripture), there was only enough oil for one night. It was going to take 8 days to produce enough oil that was sanctified for use in the temple, but one night's supply of oil lasted for 8 days, which are the roots of this festival. This festival was celebrated by Jesus in John, Chapter 10, where he's referred to going to up to celebrate the feast of the dedication, the festival of lights. It was wintertime, and even Jesus himself celebrated this great feast and season of Hanukkah.

I think it's good for us for a few reasons to meditate upon this idea of Christ whose own body, the temple of his body was destroyed and was redeemed in the resurrection. Jesus, who is the light of the world, comes into this world as a fulfillment of this great feast. Also, it's great for us to remember our Jewish brothers and sisters, the first to hear and receive the covenant from God, and to be attentive to them. Anti-Semitism has been present always, and has even been in the Church in certain days and ages. As Knights, we should be aware and against that. We're men of fraternity and unity, and while we don't share the recognition of Christ as the Messiah, we share in the promise of God and the covenant. And so, be attentive to our Jewish brothers and sisters in their plight, and rejoice with them as they celebrate this great feast over the next 8 days. Rejoice through the light of Christ coming into this world.

Reading of and Approval Minutes of Previous Meeting

The past meeting's minutes were distributed prior to the meeting. The minutes were read and accepted by all.

Report of Admission Committee and Reading of Applications

Nothing to report for this meeting

Balloting for Membership

Up to 7 new members, quota is 20 for the fraternal year. We wanted to be a little further by the end of the calendar year, but we're doing well so far.

Initiations

None

Grand Knight's Report: WGK Mike Carter

- December has two big events for us
 - Chickin-N-Dumplings on Saturday
 - Christmas Breakfast
 - Floyd Co Health Dept has blessed our plans
 - Need volunteers for Christmas morning and for Saturday for cleanup
 - Sign up either online or at the bar
- We're in great shape financially
 - We've given away a lot of money to some good people
- 2nd half the fraternal year is going to be busy
 - Fish Fry's in January
 - Jan 8th
 - Jan 22nd – Proceeds go to brothers at Cardinal Ritter
- Dated TBD, but we're going to have a screening of "Unplanned" upstairs in the

main hall with conjunction with Right to Life that would happen in Washington D.C.

- Want to have a car parade on Right to Life Sunday
- Charlie Archer to chair the event
- Polar Plunge is coming up
 - Charlie Archer is chairing the event
 - Normally the second Saturday of February (Feb 20th this year)
- Jan 23rd is a virtual 4th degree exemplification for those 3rd degrees that want to advance
- February will have the past grand knight dinner
- Work detail the Saturday before Ash Wednesday to prep for Lenten Fish Frys
- New Business
 - Brother Albers asked if the council has ever done surveys of its membership to see what it would take for people to get back in involved or what gets them excited. Brother Mike Worden to look into if surveys currently exist within State to use
 - DGK Webber makes motion to upgrade the Christopher Rising Ballroom (gym) and open up the room again (ceiling improvements). Motion carries to start exploring that effort.
 - The Building is turning 100 years old next year. Looking at early/late Sept to see about a gala to celebrate, assuming COVID lets us.

Treasurer's Report: Bro. John Kaiser – Check Recording for numbers

- No updated numbers on account values, but at the end of November, the General Fund had \$21,624, the Gaming Fund had \$7,714 and the CBC Fund had \$3,692.
 - No Report for this Month on actual numbers
 - *(For new members, CBC stands for The Columbia Building Corporation which is a separate entity from Knights of Columbus 1221. Each 1221 member is also a shareholder in the CBC)*
- No big expenses the past month
- The Council exceeded expectations on the donation to the fire department program. Targeted \$250, ended up with \$500 in donation
- In terms of expenses, we came out ahead on Thanksgiving baskets.

Deputy Grand Knight's Report: DGK Ron Webber

- Looking into getting first aid/trauma kit/AED behind the bar.
- Going to a smaller trash dumpster, need to be cognizant of what we put in and break down boxes
 - Cost cutting measure
 - Was \$170 twice a week, now \$100 once a week
- International Peace Light was brought down from Indy before going to Atlanta
 - Need to publicize that more for next year
- December 18th – Members Christmas Party
- Children's Christmas Party – Dec 20th at 1 p.m.
- Blood drives are doing fantastic
 - Have raised quotas and have beat them every time
 - The Red Cross loves us for our participation and assistance

Financial Secretary's Report: Bro. Matt Lincoln

- Absent

Program Director: Bro. Mike Worden

- Changes made at Supreme due to COVID
 - Still have 4 categories that we try to work within
 - Previous years had a specific activity within each category for each council
 - Have removed that stipulation for this year
 - We need to work on the faith area of the council
- Some reports/audits coming due soon
- Need to work on promoting our events

Trustees/House Committee Report: DGK Ron Webber

- Information covered during the DGK report above

Report of Service Program Committees:

- **Membership Director:**
- **Church Director:**
- **Community Director:**
 - **Charlie Archer**
 - Polar plunge is Feb 20th at Deam Lake
- **Council Director:**
- **Family Director: Bro. Ben Wessel – No report this week**
- **Culture of Life Director: Bro. Bob Burkholder**
- **Youth Director:**
- **Vocation Director: Bro. Mike Worden – No report this week**
- **Gibault Envoy:**
- **Special Olympics Envoy:**

Advocates Report: Bro. Greg Reger - absent

- *Acts as parliamentarian for the council*
- *Should have a working knowledge of Robert's Rules of Order, Charter, Constitution & Laws, Council by-laws and Method of Conducting Council Meetings*
- *When needed, will seek legal assistance from the state advocate*

Report of the Fourth Degree:

- None

Report of Round Table Chairman

None

Report of Standing Committees

Insurance Field Agent Report

No Report and No Agent

District Deputy Report

District Deputy Phillip Lauder

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Nothing this week

Good of the Order

- Brother Mike Albers – What is the Pledge of Allegiance? Video presented of Red Skelton. Link provided below for viewing:
 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hJNL_rhGDq4
- Sick/Distress
 - Steve Byerley's sister, Sharon Friberger, who is fighting cancer in the early stages

Closing Prayer

WGK Mike Carter: The prayer card is from the canonization of Blessed Father Michael McGivney:

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young into generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body, which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify Blessed Michael McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Submitted by: Recorder, Dustin Jones, December 10, 2020

Attested to by: WGK, Michael Carter, December 10, 2020